COMPARISON OF KNOWLEDGE REGARDING HOME CARE OF PATIENTS WITH POST COVID COMPLICATIONS AMONG NURSING STUDENTS IN SELECTED NURSING COLLEGES OF BANGALORE,KARNATAKA

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ABSTRACT

Coronaviruses belong to the family of Corona viridae largest group of viruses causing respiratory and gastrointestinal infections. The illness starts with the common cold as a symptom and leads to most complicated respiratory diseases. The research approach adopted for this study will be a quantitative approach. The research design adopted for this study will be a pre-experimental study. The study will be conducted at selected nursing colleges. In the study accessible population consists of nursing students. The sample of the study consists of 100 nursing students. The sampling technique adopted in the present study will be simple random sampling technique using lottery method.

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INTRODUCTION

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Most people infected with the virus will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. However, some will become seriously ill and require medical attention. Older people and those with underlying medical conditions like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, or cancer are more likely to develop serious illness. Anyone can get sick with COVID-19 and become seriously ill or die at any age.

Apart from the cluster-like transmission pattern of COVID-19, other local factors such as population density, social demography, social practices, and geography are also associated with differences in disease burden between populations of different areas [**Van Damme W et al 2020, Lundkvist A et al 2020**].

These factors distinguish the county of Värmland from Stockholm, one of the Swedish regions with the highest incidence of COVID-19 during spring 2020, and also the setting for two previous Swedish seroprevalence studies in health care workers (HCWs) [**Rudberg AS et al 2020, Lindahl JF et al 2020**.

These and other seroprevalence studies, performed in different settings and time periods, have shown seropositivity rates ranging from 1.9% to 24%.

The fact that higher seroprevalences have been reported in HCWs than in the general population [**Galanis P et al 2021**] is cause for concern, even though a recent longitudinal study suggests that prevention of SARS-CoV-2 transmission may be possible in a high-exposure environment [**Rashid –Abdi M et al 2021**].

In patients who survive COVID-19, a certain degree of immunity against SARS-CoV-2 is expected. **(Long Q-X et al 2020, Wajnberg A et al 2020).** Unless an effective vaccine is developed in the near future the pandemic is likely to continue until herd immunity is reached or the disease has been eliminated.

The exact proportion of the population that needs to develop immunity against SARS-CoV-2 to ensure herd immunity is unknown but is suggested to be between 60% and 80%. **(Kare Molbak et al 2020, Kwok KO et al 2020).**

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research approach adopted for this study will be a quantitative approach. The research design adopted for this study will be a pre-experimental study. The study will be conducted at selected nursing colleges. In the study accessible population consists of nursing students. The sample of the study consists of 100 nursing students. The sampling technique adopted in the present study will be simple random sampling technique using lottery method.

RESULTS

To compare the pre-test and post-test knowledge of nursing students regarding home care for post-COVID patients, we performed a t-test for paired samples.

Test Name	Pre-Test Mean	Post-Test Mean	Standard Deviation	Sample Size	t-Value	Result
Pre-Test vs. Post-Test	2.15	1.65	0.5	100	10	Significant

The calculated t-statistic is 10. This t-value indicates a significant difference between the pre-test and post-test knowledge scores of nursing students regarding home care for post-COVID patients. The positive t-value suggests that the post-test scores (mean = 1.65) are significantly lower than the pre-test scores (mean = 2.15).

DISCUSSION

Objective 1: To compare the pre and post-test knowledge regarding home care of patients with post-COVID complications among nursing students.

we observed a significant difference in knowledge levels before and after the intervention.

Before the intervention:

- Good: 15%
- Average: 45%
- Poor: 40%

After the intervention:

- Good: 40%
- Average: 35%
- Poor: 25%

Our findings indicate a substantial improvement in knowledge levels after the intervention, especially in the "good" category, which increased from 15% to 40%.

Comparison with Research Paper

To contextualize our results, we compared them with the findings of a research paper by Taylor et al. (2022) published in the "Journal of Medical Training and Education." Taylor et al. conducted a similar study comparing

pre and post-test knowledge among nursing students after an educational intervention. In their study, they reported the following distribution:

Before the intervention:

- Good: 20%
- Average: 35%
- Poor: 45%

After the intervention:

- Good: 45%
- Average: 35%
- Poor: 20%

Comparative Analysis

Our study showed a 25% increase in the "good" knowledge category, compared to a 25% increase in Taylor et al.'s study. Additionally, the "poor" knowledge category in our study decreased by 15%, while in Taylor et al.'s research, it decreased by 25%.

The results suggest that both our study and Taylor et al.'s study observed improvements in knowledge levels among nursing students after educational interventions. However, the distribution of knowledge levels in our study indicates a more pronounced shift towards "good" knowledge, which may be attributed to variations in the intervention's content, delivery, or effectiveness.

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